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## SHIPPING.

### ARRIVALS.

May 3, NANSAN, British steamer, 805, Black-burne, Bangkok 27th April, General—H. King & Co.

May 4, ANTON, German steamer, 395, E. Aegean, Pakhoi 1st May, and Hoihok 2nd, General—WIELER & Co.

May 4, MENELAUS, British steamer, 1,300, R. Nelson, Liverpool 19th March, and Singapore 27th April, General—BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE.

May 4, CHAMPION, British corvette, Armand T. Powlett, Singapore 28th April.

May 4, ANDARON, Calcutta, British str., 1,302, A. B. Macaulay, Calcutta 13th April, Peking 25th, and Singapore 25th, Opium and General—DAVID SASSEN, Sons & Co.

May 4, TOKIO MARU, Japanese str., 1,320, G. S. Burdis, Glasgow 12th March, and Singapore 25th April, General—H. J. H. TRIM.

May 4, YORKSHIRE, British steamer, 1,488, O. J. H. Arnold, Saigon 1st May, Rice—BUSHELL & Co.

May 4, GLENARTH, British steamer, 1,435, R. A. Donaldson, Lough 28th March, and Singapore 29th April, General—JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.

### CLEARANCES.

AT THE HARBOURMASTER'S OFFICE.

4th May.

Posti, Spanish str., for Manila.

Lemnos, British str., for Saigon.

Borodiki, British str., for Yokohama.

### DEPARTURES.

May 4, CHEUNG HOCK KIAN, British steamer, for Swatow.

May 4, MARIA, British bark for Victoria.

May 4, SIN NANZING, British str., for Foochow.

May 4, DENNINGHORNE, British str., for Yokohama.

### PASSENGERS.

#### ARRIVED.

Per Nansan, str., from Bangkok, 30 Chinese.

Per Anton, str., from Pakhoi and Hoihok—41 Chinese.

Per Menelaus, str., from Liverpool, &c.—Mr. and Mrs. Steine, and 175 Chinese, from Singapore.

Per Tokio Maru, str., from Glasgow, &c.—Capt. A. B. Brown, Mrs. James, 2 children, and numerous crew, 1,320, G. S. Burdis, Mr. Sarge, and 200 Chinese from Singapore.

Per Arkona, Apcer, str., from Calcutta, &c.—Mrs. A. Sath and children, Mrs. J. Judah, and the Misses Judd (2), Messrs. H. Agnew, Stuart M. Samuel, F. C. Davidge, Falat, and 450 Chinese.

Per Glenarth, str., from London, &c.—Major A. Gordon, and 43 Chinese for Hongkong, Mr. C. Bushell, and Miss Bushell for Shanghai.

### DRAINED.

Per Fobien, str., for Swatow—Mr. and Mrs. Parker, Messrs. H. Adam and C. Vincent.

### REPORTS.

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The Japanese steamer Tokio Maru reports left Glasgow on the 15th March, and Singapore on the 23rd April, and had light Northern wind and swell and fine weather throughout.

The British steamer Meadows reports left Liverpool on the 18th March, and Singapore on the 27th April, and experienced light winds from South to East and fine weather throughout the passage.

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Correspondents are requested to forward their name and address with communications addressed to the Editor, not for publication, but as evidence of good faith.

All letters for publication should be written on one side of the paper only.

Advertisements and Subscriptions which are not ordered for a fixed period will be discontinued until non-renewed.

Orders for extra copies of the *Daily Press* should be sent before 11 a.m. on the day of publication. After that hour the supply is limited.

BIRTH.—On the 2nd May, at No. 85, Osborne Terrace, the wife of Captain Backhouse, "The Bell," of a son. [50]

## The Daily Press.

HONGKONG, MAY 5TH, 1885.

Our remarks yesterday on the circumstances attending the release of *Lau Kwai* seem to have given rise to some misapprehension. We said that "there was nothing in the papers to show that *Lau Kwai* was a criminal whose case called for exceptional consideration;" and "it is unfortunate that *Excellency* was not supplied with information beforehand which would have prevented the mistake." These statements have been construed to imply neglect or laches on the part of the Colonial Secretary, who is responsible for laying all papers before the Governor. It is only fair, though perhaps hardly necessary, that we should explain we had not the slightest intention of imputing any neglect to Mr. *Mars* personally. What we objected to was the system which permitted such a grievous mistake to be committed, as we understood, unwittingly. It can be shown, however, that the blame rests on an individual rather than on the system it is only fair that it should fall on the shoulders of the proper person. We are informed that Mr. *Mars* laid all the previous papers before the Governor and specially called his attention to them. What those previous papers were we are not aware, but it was a fair inference to draw from the minute prepared by Mr. *Mars* as a reply to the question put by the Hon. *Jackson* in the Legislative Council, that they were not such as to distinctly raise the question as to whether the release of the prisoner could be prudently allowed in view of considerations which would not ordinarily arise in connection with applications for pardon. Mr. *Jackson* asked the Colonial Secretary if there was any objection to state the grounds on which the prisoner had been released. In reply, Mr. *Mars* said he was instructed by the Governor to state that "in view of the case was very simple; the prisoner was released on the ground of his good conduct in gaol and the state of his health. If the objections to *Lau Kwai*'s release on what we may call semi-political grounds had been perceived and duly considered before the pardon was granted, it would have only been reasonable to suppose that in answer to Mr. *Jackson*'s question the grounds on which those objections had been set aside would have been stated. It was chiefly this minute which led us to speak of the affair as having arisen from an inadvertence. The summary of the papers therein given certainly would lead one to suppose that "there was nothing in the papers to show that *Lau Kwai* was a criminal whose case called for exceptional consideration." The dry records of the prisoner's conviction would hardly be sufficient to show this; what was required was a special report from some official who was in the colony at the time and familiar with the surrounding circumstances of the case—which Mr. *Mars* was not,—some one who could have told the Governor how the security of our Chinese fellow residents had been menaced by the prisoner and none of the same stamp, how the danger was ever ready to raise its head again on the least sign of weakness or lack of vigilance on the part of the Executive, and how the release of the prisoner would inevitably create the greatest alarm and regret in the colony. If all this had been pointed out it seems inconceivable that the release should ever have taken place.

The statements made by the *N. C. Daily News* in reference to the murder of a juriaksha coolie by a foreigner in Shanghai on the 21st ultimo should be carefully inquired into by the Foreign Consuls at that port. According to the account given by our Shanghai contemporary, a juriaksha-coolie was stabbed to death by a foreigner with seemingly no provocation. The murder would appear to have been cold-blooded, brutal, and unprovoked. Possibly it might transpire on closer investigation, that words had passed between the coolie and his cowardly assailant, and that the latter may have been somewhat beaten when he struck the fatal blow. But this is really no excuse for a murder of this kind, and it will be great if, yet we learn that the ruffian has succeeded in getting away from the Settlement. We claim, and rightly so, extra-territoriality in China; Western Powers could not allow their subjects or citizens to be tortured, ill-used, and unjustly condemned by corrupt or prejudiced mandarins; nor could they, ever supposing the administration to be pure, suffer them to fall

under laws so Draconian and sanguinary as those of the Central Kingdom. Seeing, however, that we are thus compelled to claim the right of extra-territoriality, it becomes the more imperative we should exercise a wholesome and effective check upon the lawlessness and violence of certain Caucasians who find their way to the Treaty ports. We have no idea of the nationality of the person who is reported to have committed this murder, but no pains should be spared to discover him, and, for the sake of other foreigners, to publish his name. It seems to us that there has been some neglect in the matter. This is the second murder of the kind that has been perpetrated in Shanghai, and in each instance the "accused" has got off scot-free. Surely either the Consul concerned or the Police Authorities at Shanghai have been guilty of malice or negligence. If the case had been reversed, and a juriaksha coolie had assassinated a foreigner a great outcry would have been raised—naturally enough—and a clamour made for the criminal to be punished if he had taken refuge in the interior.

The Chinese have a similar right to demand the arrest of this criminal. Very probably he was a scoundrel some man-of-war, and if so there ought to be no difficulty in getting justice done. The foreign community at the Model Settlement owe it to themselves to see that every effort be made by the Consular Body to secure the capture and punishment of the murderer. The effect on the minds of the Chinese produced by seeing crime of this kind go unanswered when committed by foreigners may some day have most unfortunate results. When an outrage is committed by the natives on foreigners in China we are prompt to demand satisfaction. We must in fairness show equally prompt retribution of crimes committed by Caucasian ruffians, and equal vigour in punishing them.

H. M. corvette *Champion*, Captain Powlett, arrived here yesterday from Singapore.

Captain A. H. Gordon, the new Superintendent of Victoria Gaol, arrived here yesterday by the steamer *Glennan*.

The French cruiser *Drauz* arrived at Singapore on the 25th ult. from Saigon, and, having loaded and provisioned at the Boroco Co.'s wharf, left for the 27th for Toulon.

The chartered French transport *Obor* arrived at Singapore on the 27th ult. with the 15th battery of Artillery, and was to leave for Toulon after coaling.

The Agents (Messrs. Russell & Co.) inform us that the E. & A. S. S. Co.'s steamer *Cutterman*, from the Australian ports, left Port Darwin on Sunday, the 3rd inst., for Victoria.

The *Ceylon Observer* says that the B. I. S. N. Co.'s steamer *Indu* was to be armed as a cruiser and sent to Hongkong, where she will be placed at the disposal of Vice-Admiral Sir W. M. *Dowell*.

The *Straits Times* understands that instructions have been issued to the Hon. Major *McMahon* to have torpedoes laid down at once for the protection of Singapore, and the work is now being carried out.

The chartered transport *Osor* arrived at Singapore on the afternoon of the 26th April from Frankfort, and, having loaded and provisioned at the Boroco Co.'s wharf, left for Vladivostok.

We hear that the chartered cruiser *Asarta* is to take the place of the *Vigilant* as Admiral *D'Aspre*'s flag-ship, and will be joined by the *Bea* and *Co.*'s wharf, left for Vladivostok.

The *Asarta* chartered transport *Osor* arrived at Singapore on the 26th ultimo from Calcutta, and will sail for this port on Thursday, the 7th inst.

Another Opera Troop is now visiting Singapore. The *Musette* Opera Company, having left at that port on the 24th ultimo from Calcutta, and commenced a series of performances in the Town Hall.

The *Bangkok Times* asserts, on the authority of a passenger from the Straits, that the Russian flag has been hoisted on Johore Island, near Singapore. Possibly the Johore flag was flying, and the passenger had not sufficiently good sight to distinguish that and the Russian flag.

We note, by Messrs. *Thos. Watson & Co.*'s last Report, that the total export of Tea from Calcutta to Great Britain from 1st January to 31st March was 8,919,151 lbs, a compound with 9,387,393 lbs. in the same period last year and 10,330,153 lbs. in the corresponding period of 1883.

The American chartered transport *Ship* left the Compton Dock yesterday and the British steamer *Despatch* took her place there, while the steamer *Guthrie* went over to the Kowloon docks. The British steamer *Kashgar* will return from the Aberdeen dock to-day, and the steamer *Hescott* goes over to Kowloon.

The *Bangkok Despatch* states that official information has been received from Holland to the effect that there has been taken into consideration there a scheme for laying a telegraph cable from Australia to Ceylon via Timor, Java, and Aceh.

This route is undoubtedly that along which the larger portion of the line will be over-

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